
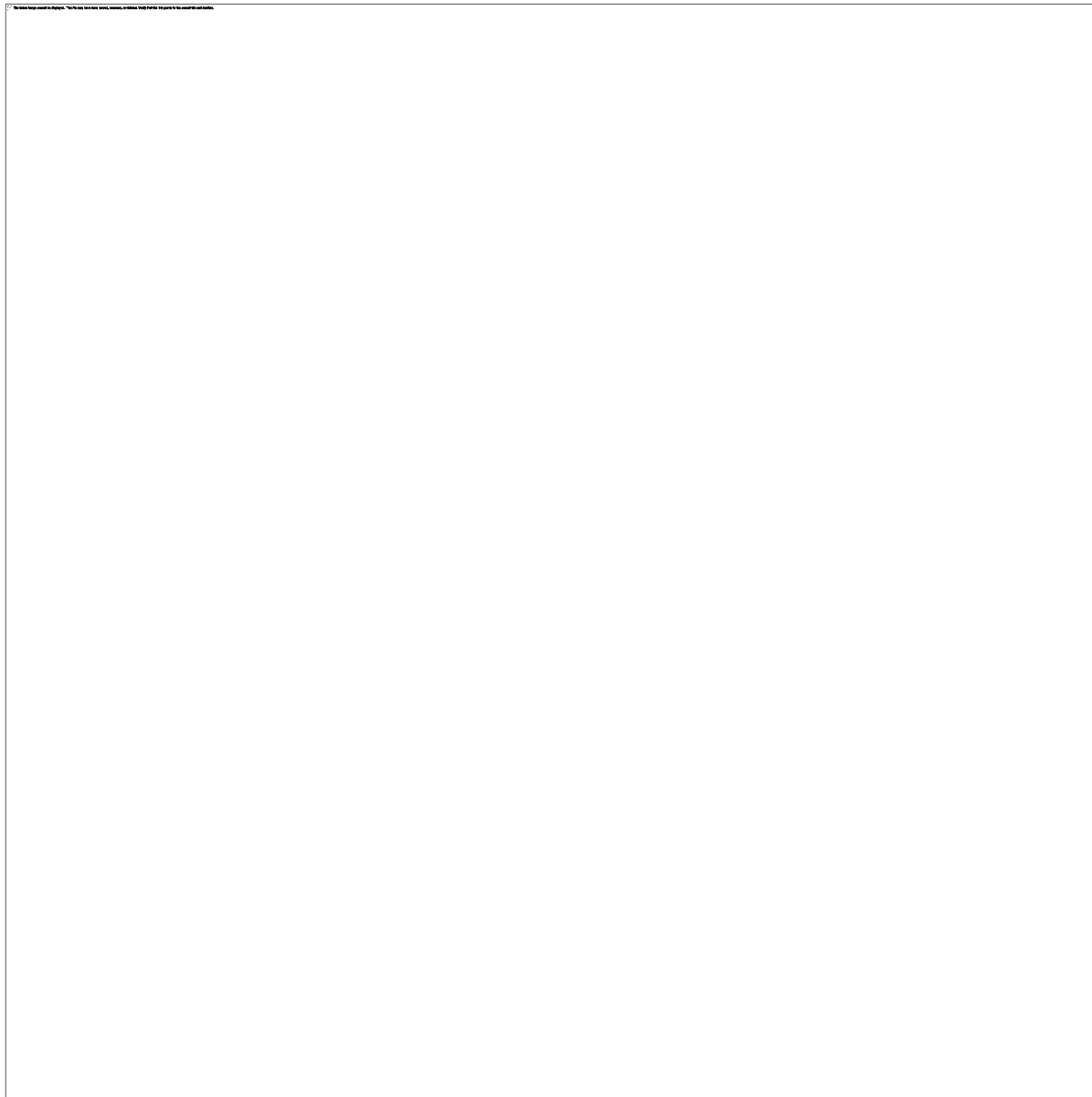


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Our bee populations are in rapid decline, and neonicotinoids -- a dangerous class of bee-killing pesticides -- aren't helping.¹

But the next time you shop on Amazon, you could easily find products with these dangerous chemicals.²

We're close to losing 30 percent of our honeybees each year.³ And since we can't same-day ship a new species, we have to protect the pollinators we have left.

Will you add your name to Environment America's petition telling Amazon to stop selling bee-killing pesticides?

Neonicotinoids, or "neonics," play a significant role in bee die-offs.⁴ According to some studies, these neurotoxic chemicals slowly kill bees, poison baby bees' brains, and diminish bees' ability to learn or forage for food.^{5,6}

We need bees. **Ninety percent of wild plants and 75 percent of all food crops need animal pollinators -- and bees are our best.**⁷ They play a critical role in our planet's health, but our pesticides play a dangerous role in theirs.

If we want to make a difference in protecting bee populations, we have to get the world's No. 1 online marketplace to stop selling bee-killing pesticides.

Tell Amazon to take bee-killing pesticides off its shelves.

When it comes to maintaining our lawns and gardens, there are plenty of safe products on the market. **Instead, Amazon still sells products with neonicotinoids, such as imidacloprid.**

Five years ago, conservationists across the country called on Home Depot and Lowe's to remove neonics from their shelves. And even though there's still work to be done on removing these bee-killing pesticides, it led to progress: Both companies have taken important steps to phase out neonics.⁸

Now, it's time to call on Amazon to do the same.

Join Environment America in urging Amazon to give bees a chance.

Thank you,

Wendy Wendlandt
President

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